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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR NEXT GCC+2 MINISTERIAL

REF: A. A) 2/15/08 STEINFELD-BELOOSHI TELCON
B) 2/26/08 STEINFELD-EREKI EMAIL

Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (C) Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Abdullah al Khalifa called in the Ambassador on February 18 to make a strong plea on behalf

2.(C) Sheikh Khalid noted that it was the USG's desire to convene Ministerial prior to the Arab League Summit and that while it was unfortunate

[¶3.](#) (C) "The King wants this to happen," Sheikh Khalid said. "Just tell us what dates work, and we will accommodate you." Ambassador mentioned

[¶4.](#) (C) Comment: Bahrain's senior leadership is clearly eager to host the GCC 2 ministerial and Sheikh Khalid is personally invested in its suc